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One State Road, Stow, MA 01775
Meeting of April 1, 2021

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Kawa, at 10:09 A.M. The Chairman opened this meeting of the Board of Boiler Rules, explaining that it is being held in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 146 Section 3, this is a regular meeting of the Board. This meeting is being held online via Webex, and is being recorded.

- 1) The Board members in attendance were identified by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Edward Kawa, Chairman
 Charles Perry, Boiler Manufacturers
 Anthony Lucia, Operating Engineers
 Leah Francis, Insurance Companies
 Max Greig, User Group

**The Chairman reminded the Board members that all voting will be done by a roll call vote.*

DFS Staff Present:

Glenn Rooney, Staff Counsel
 Dan Laperle, DFS

Bob Vasconcelos, DFS
 Holly Bartlett, DFS

Attendees Present:

* The Chairman asked that attendees please identify themselves, and with whom they are affiliated:

Glenn Robinson, HSB
 Jim Stiefel, HSB
 Mike Robillard, Sompo International
 Jeff Muscato, BID Hospital, Plymouth

Robert Cifello, Frank I. Rounds
 Derek Conlin, Frank I. Rounds
 Henry Geryk, DFS (Retired)

- 2) Minutes from previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting held on March 4, 2021, were reviewed. ***Motion to approve the minutes made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Charlie Perry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***

- 3) Petitions for inspectional considerations: The following requests for extension of the inspectional requirement were entered into record:
 - a) MCI Framingham, request dated February 25, 2021, for a 6-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA054138.
 - b) Covanta Haverhill, request dated March 22, 2021, for a 90-day extension of the inspectional requirement for MA069123.

Motion to ratify the approval of these requests made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Charlie Perry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4) 522 CMR Committee, Review of Adopted Codes and Standards: Anthony Lucia, the Chairman of the 522 CMR Committee, reported that the committee has met; the review is on-going, and the next meeting will be on April 13.
- 5) Variance Request: New Bedford Housing Authority: There were no representatives from New Bedford Housing Authority present at today's meeting, so the Chairman entertained a motion to table consideration of this request until the next meeting. ***Motion to table this matter until the next meeting made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***
- 6) Variance Request: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Plymouth: Jeffrey Muscato presented an Application for Variance for a flextube boiler installation at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth, explaining that the new installation is a replacement flextube boiler, and that there is 26" of clearance between the rear of the boiler and the wall, whereas the manufacturer's recommended minimum clearance is 24". The Chairman explained that NBIC Part I, Installations, Section 3.3.4, requires 36" clearance, and confirmed with Mr. Muscato that the adjacent wall is concrete. Derek Conlin from Frank I Rounds, Director of Sales and Engineering, explained that this installation is consistent with typical installation of flextube boilers, and that the 36" clearance requirement is usually needed when there is an access way on the back of the boiler to reach the fire sides of the boiler, whereas this is a flexible water tube boiler and there is no access to the fire sides, just the hand hole plate, and 24" clearance provides enough room. The Chairman asked for confirmation that there are no service restrictions; Mr. Conlin stated that that is correct. The Chairman then asked the Board for questions/discussion; there was none. ***Motion to approve the variance made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***
- 7) Updates from DFS Staff: No updates from DFS Staff were presented at today's meeting.
- 8) Matters not reasonably anticipated: The Chairman asked the Board if there were any other matters that should be addressed at this time. Max Greig asked that, moving forward, the inspector of record be present during consideration of variance requests. The Chairman agreed, and said that this would be incorporated into how these requests are processed.
- 9) Adjournment: The Chairman explained that the next meeting of the Board will include hearing of petitions to change 522 CMR, and will be on Thursday, April 1, 2021. ***Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Max Greig; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.***

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Minutes from meeting on March 4, 2021
- b. Extension Requests:
 - i. MCI Framingham
 - ii. Covanta Haverhill
- c. Variance Request – New Bedford Housing Authority
- d. Variance Request – Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Plymouth