

Form 11—Commitment Certificate: Resource Conservation Measures – Energy Requirements (Field Review of Construction)

Preamble

The *Nova Scotia Building Code* (the “Code”) is made up of portions of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations* (the “regulations”) made under the *Building Code Act*, together with the *National Building Code*, the *National Plumbing Code* and the *National Energy Code*, as amended and adopted by the regulations. Construction and demolition of buildings must be done in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the Code.

Architects and professional engineers are required by their respective statutes, regulations and bylaws to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of buildings. Under Part 2 of the regulations, professionals must design buildings in conformance with the minimum standards of the Code, with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met.

Part 2 of the regulations also requires buildings to be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to determine general compliance with the design drawings (and all revisions) accepted by a building official as the authority having jurisdiction. Completed commitment certificates for these field reviews of construction must be submitted to a building official as the authority having jurisdiction. If a building official has not been assigned by the applicable municipality, this document must be submitted directly to the municipality until a building official is assigned.

To:

authority having jurisdiction (building official)

date

address

Dear

authority having jurisdiction (building official)

Re:

address of project

name of project

legal description of project

This is to advise that I am the architect, or professional engineer appointed by the owner or prime consultant to coordinate the field review of construction for the resource conservation measures – energy requirements for this project for the following disciplines, which I have initialled:

___ Building Design

___ Plumbing

___ Mechanical

___ Electrical

I hereby certify, for the resource conservation measures – energy requirements, that

- 1) I will comply with the requirements of Division C of the *National Building Code* and the *National Energy Code*;
- 2) I will review the energy shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed in the

- documents;
- 3) I will coordinate the review of changes to the energy design documents to ensure that the changes conform to the Code;
 - 4) if the size and complexity of the design warrants, I will coordinate additional areas of review as considered appropriate in consultation with a building official as the authority having jurisdiction; and
 - 5) I will complete the certification of field review of construction and return it to a building official as the authority having jurisdiction before of the occupancy permit is issued.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the field review of construction to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. All delegated functions will be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Architects Act* or *Engineering Profession Act*.

If the contract for a field review of construction is terminated at any time during construction, I will notify a building official as the authority having jurisdiction as soon as practical, but no later than 72 hours after the event.

print name

signature

initials

Affix below the seal of the licensed architect or professional engineer in accordance with provincial legislation.

print name of firm or company

print address

municipality

postal code

telephone

fax

e-mail