

**Form 5—Commitment Certificate: Mechanical Design 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.

Professional engineers are required by their statute, 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_ date

authority having jurisdiction (building official)

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address

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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 professional engineer appointed by the owner or prime consultant to perform the field review of construction for the mechanical design aspects of this project, which are within Part 6 of the *National Building Code* and Parts 5 and 6 of the *National Energy Code*.

I hereby certify, for the mechanical design requirements, that:

- 1) I will review the mechanical 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;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the mechanical design documents to ensure that the applicable professional engineer(s) determines whether the changes conform to the Code; and

