



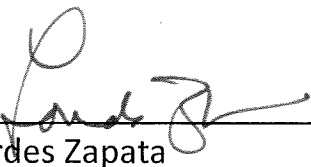
Waiver of Small Business Eligibility Requirements – Electrical Suppliers

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 314(4) of the Executive Law, the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development may waive the small business requirement for Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise ("MWBE") eligibility on an industry-wide basis upon determining that the small business requirement, combined with industry-specific factors, has led to the significant exclusion of businesses in that industry from MWBE certification; and,

WHEREAS, upon conducting an availability analysis, I have determined that certified MWBEs are underrepresented in the electrical supply industry; and,

WHEREAS, I have determined that industry-specific factors in the electrical supply industry, coupled with the small business requirement for MWBE certification, have led to the significant exclusion of businesses in the electrical supply industry from MWBE certification

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lourdes Zapata, Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development, do hereby determine that business enterprises in the electrical supply industry shall be eligible for MWBE certification without regard to the small business requirement for MWBE certification.



Lourdes Zapata

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