

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-14-02

June 26, 2002

The following is offered in response to your June 19, 2002 letter to me in which you requested a formal interpretation of the provisions of Article 550-23 (b) (1) of the 1999 National Electrical Code portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

Question: A manufactured home is installed on a floating slab foundation with all running gear (axels, wheels and hitch) removed and the home strapped down according to HUD specifications. Does this meet the intent of “secured to a permanent foundation” with respect to Article 550-23 (b) (1) of the 1999 National Electrical Code portion of the 1999 State Building Code?

Answer: Yes. The intent of the requirement set forth that a manufactured home be secured to a permanent foundation before allowing the installation of service equipment on or in the home is that the home not be capable of being moved while the service equipment is connected to it. The installation you describe makes it impossible for anyone to hook a towing vehicle up to the home and move it off site, so the intent of the code is met and the service equipment can be mounted on or in the manufactured home when placed on the foundation system as described.