

STATE OF OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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Re:

Oklahoma State Capitol Restoration

Ms. Gossard:

On April 6, 2017 representatives from Manhattan Construction and FSB Architecture met with our office to discuss disconnecting the electric to the State Capitol for approximately one week. OG&E has comprised a letter identifying the electric shutdown dates and times. During this meeting it was confirmed that the smoke control system does not work properly and has been in this condition for at least two (2) years. It is the opinion of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office that the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) is the safety department of all State owned buildings. A dysfunctional smoke control system brings to light several life safety concerns. In addition to the smoke control not operating properly, the shut-down of all electrical systems to the State Capitol enhances the life safety concerns to the legislature, workers, and visitors. Without the capabilities of electric, the fire alarm system is out of service for fire activation and notification, the access control will be non-functional allowing all people free access, the elevator will not work for egress and the emergency lights and exit signs will be inoperable, thus, creating an extensive tripping hazard to all occupants.

Therefore, upon Manhattan Construction's receipt of a letter from OMES stating any safety concerns and approval to the electrical shut down procedure, it is the opinion of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office that no person, unless considered a construction worker, be allowed inside the structure during the times that the State Capitol will be without electricity. A continual fire watch must be performed on each floor and each wing of the State Capital until full power has been restored and all systems are fully operational.

Once the fire alarm system, access control, elevator, emergency lights, and exit signs are operational please contact our office to schedule a special inspection with our Agent to witness the testing of all systems to verify all systems are working and operational. Subsequently, an update on the smoke control system and its operation will be required.

Respectfully,

Robert Doke

State Fire Marshal

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