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Dear Mr. Kriek:

Premier Brad Wall has asked that I respond to your recent letter regarding Saskatchewan's credential recognition process for foreign-trained industrial electricians.

As Mr. Ewen indicated to you previously, the industrial electrician trade is not a designated apprenticeship trade in Saskatchewan. Our province's electrical industry has decided that the only individuals that may complete electrical work in Saskatchewan are the following:

- electrician apprentices or holders of an interprovincial red seal construction electrician certificate from anywhere in Canada; or,
- individuals that hold an interprovincial red seal industrial electrician certificate from anywhere in Canada may work only on industrial equipment.

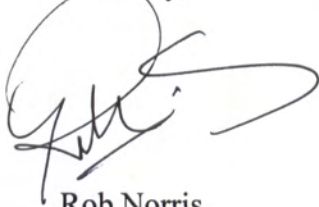
The Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) does have a process to assess electrician credentials. However, it is not targeted solely on the industrial electrician trade and it does not include an option for Alberta to complete the assessment. Alberta has indicated that it is not interested in completing this work for other provinces. The SATCC is currently consulting with the electrician trade board to confirm the requirements and explore additional options for foreign credential recognition. By copy of this letter, I am asking Rick Ewen to contact you following the discussion with the trade board to inform you of the outcome.

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With respect to immigration, the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) is a provincially administered immigration program that reflects Saskatchewan's labour market and economic needs. The SINP provides an alternate means of entry into Canada. It allows Saskatchewan to nominate applicants, who qualify under the criteria established by the Province, to the federal government for landed immigrant status. For more information, please review the program's website at www.saskimmigrationcanada.ca/sinp. If you have questions about the SINP and would like to speak with an SINP official, please contact Mr. David Li at (306) 798-0437 or by email at David.Li@gov.sk.ca.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,



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Joe Black, Chief Executive Officer, SATCC
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