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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 717

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: **MANUAL REVISIONS**
CODE 617, GAS, STEAM OR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION,
CODE 661, ELECTRICAL WIRING - WITHIN BUILDINGS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999

The Bureau has filed and the Insurance Commissioner has approved Manual revisions to Sections 2 and 5 to become effective as of 12:01 a.m., July 1, 1999 with respect to new and renewal business only. These revisions result from a Bureau study which was undertaken in response to an informal class appeal requesting the creation of a new, separate classification for conduit construction and also to develop a single classification for specialist contractors performing cable laying with automatic equipment or installing or replacing cable in existing conduit. The Bureau study revealed that the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) and most of the independent Bureaus have a separate conduit construction class, and there is an overlap between Codes 617 and 661 as respects classification assignment of specialist contractors in Delaware. The study recommended erecting a new, separate conduit construction class, Code 625, and the utilization of Code 661 for payroll developed in the installation or replacement of cable in existing conduit.

The rating values for Code 625 and revised rating values for Codes 617 and 661 consistent with these changes in classification procedure are as shown below:

Classification <u>Code</u>	Bureau Advisory <u>Loss Cost</u>	Assigned Risk <u>Manual Rate</u>	Assigned Risk Minimum <u>Premium</u>	Experience Rating Plan <u>Expected Loss Factors</u>		
				<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>A-3</u>
617	8.42	10.86	1,680	3.94	4.52	4.88
625	7.78	10.04	1,645	3.64	4.17	4.51
661	4.22	5.45	910	1.90	2.18	2.35

The enabling Manual revisions to Sections 2 and 5 are shown below with the deleted wording bracketed and new wording underlined:

SECTION 2

617 GAS, STEAM or WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION - all work to completion except tunneling under pressure.

[Also includes conduit construction for cables or wires.]

625 CONDUIT CONSTRUCTION - for cables or wires, all work to completion.
Also includes cable laying by specialist contractors employing automatic equipment,
which in one operation opens the trench, lays the cable and backfills.

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<u>Code</u>	<u>Hazard Group</u>
625	III

SECTION 5

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