



## Utilities Code Act (UCA)

The Government of Saskatchewan is currently reviewing several Acts including the Electrical Licensing and Inspection Acts and proposing combining them into a single Act (UCA):

- *The Gas Licensing Act:*
- *The Electrical Licensing Act:*
- *The Gas Inspection Act, 1993:*
- *The Electrical Inspection Act, 1993*

Additionally the concept of a Master Electrician License ECAS has been promoting is been considered as “additional Red Tape” by the Ministry as was advised during at our spring Liaison meeting with TSASK.

ECAS was invited to comment on the proposed UCA wording and submitted the following response to part 4 section 13 of the proposed ACT as well as promoted the Master Electrician License:

ECAS The Electrical Contractors Association Saskatchewan member contractors are concerned with the removal of reference to Contractor licensing, more specifically the reference provided in the email accompanying this draft

*“allow licensed individuals who are not licensed as contractors in the gas and electrical Acts to get installation permits”.*

We understand regulations will address the requirement to be a licensed electrical contractor in order to procure electrical permits, therefore reducing the concerns with the proposed change to Licensing in the UCA.

ECAS welcomes the opportunity to introduce a Master Electrician designation as the new Regulations are being developed.

ECAS has been discussing the Master Electrical concept with TSASK for several years. Our stakeholders support creating a higher standard than is currently required to secure an electrical contractors license. A Master electrician requirement would ensure companies applying for an Electrical Contractor's license meet standards to protect clients, employees and the public.

The absence of a Master Electrician designation in SK is a barrier, preventing SK contractors from working in Alberta. (contrary to the NWPTA). Alberta contractors can work in Saskatchewan.