

Thank you for taking the time to hear my comments today. qz

My name is Tony Edwards, I am the Lead Representative for the Southwest Mountain States Regional Council of Carpenters. The Millwright trade is one of many that we cover.

As a follow up to my comments in the last meeting. The Carpenters, our state accredited apprenticeship and local community are concerned about Enscicon's ability to staff the project with skilled, qualified labor. I have to ask the question, what is General Electric's position on this and why would General Electric not want to comply with the laws outlined in the Revised Code of Washington?

The following language was taken from the RCW's listed on the Washington State Labor and Industries website

- (1) "Apprenticeable occupation" means an occupation for which an apprenticeship program has been approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council pursuant to chapter [49.04](#) RCW
- (2) (7) "Skilled journeyman" means a worker who meets all of the following criteria:
 - (3) (a) The worker either graduated from an apprenticeship program for the applicable occupation that was approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council according to chapter [49.04](#) RCW, or has at least as many hours of on-the-job experience in the applicable occupation that would be required to graduate from an apprenticeship program approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council according to chapter [49.04](#) RCW;
 - (4) The following implementation schedule must be complied with to meet the requirements of RCW [49.80.020](#) for a skilled and trained workforce to perform all on-site work within an apprenticeable occupation in the building and construction trades:
 - (b) By January 1, 2022, at least thirty-five percent of the skilled journeymen must be graduates of an apprenticeship program for the applicable occupation approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council under chapter [49.04](#) RCW;
 - (d) By January 1, 2024, at least sixty percent of the skilled journeymen must be graduates of an apprenticeship program for the applicable occupation approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training council according to chapter [49.04](#) RCW; and

(2) By January 1, 2022, all workers in the skilled and trained workforce must have completed within the past three calendar years at least twenty hours of approved advanced safety training for workers at high hazard facilities.

Encsicon has been granted a Training Agent status by the Washington State UBC Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. This provides them with the ability to claim that they belong to a Washington State accredited apprenticeship program.

Our objection to Encsicon is that they have never turned out a Journeyman Tradesperson from the Washington State UBC JATC apprenticeship.

Encsicon has been abusing our apprenticeship to get their foot in the door and mislead the Chelan County PUD. In fact, Encsicon's Training Agent status was revoked in August for noncompliance with Washington State UBC JATC standards.

Encsicon has never turned out a Journeyman from the apprenticeship, we do not believe that they have the ability to provide a workforce with a 35% graduation rate as required by the RCW's this year. Nor do we believe that they will have the ability to provide a workforce with a 60% graduation rate as required by the RCW's by the year 2024.

In conclusion, we believe that Encsicon will supply unskilled, unsafe or inexperienced labor from around the country that will reap the benefits of our states prevailing wages and send those wages out of the area. That does not promote community wealth! We also believe that the taxpayers and customers of Chelan County PUD, your constituents who are paying the bill, do not approve of this.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenter Millwrights live and work in the Columbia Basin and are the best trained, skilled, and qualified apprentices and graduated journeymen in Central and Eastern Washington.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns.