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TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: David A. Sadler, P.E., Director, Office of Construction 

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE TEST FOR DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS

Currently, Subarticles 700-4.21 and 700-4.22 require a 60 day acceptance test for Dynamic Message Signs. However, the Specifications will be revised to require a 30 day acceptance test effective with the January 2016 lettings. The revised language is as follows:

700-4.21 Operational Testing: After the system testing is successfully completed; conduct one continuous 72 hour, full-operating test prior to conducting the 30 day acceptance test. The Engineer will approve the type of tests to be conducted. Include in the tests all control, monitoring, and communications functions of the field equipment by the master equipment.

700-4.22 Acceptance Testing: Conduct a 30 day acceptance test after the successful completion of the approved 72 hour operational test. During the 30 day test period, limit downtime due to mechanical, electrical, or other malfunctions to a maximum total of five calendar days. If the equipment fails to operate for a total of five or more calendar days, testing will be restarted. The Engineer may select to pause and extend the 30 day test period by the number of days lost by failure and repair time in lieu of restarting the full 30 day test. The Engineer will furnish the Contractor with a letter of approval and completion stating the first and last day of the 30 day test period.

For contractors requesting this modification on projects, this memorandum serves as a blanket approval to process a \$0.00 contract change and should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement.

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