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ENDORSEMENTS TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SUSPENDED

On March 5, 2003 an Executive Committee meeting was held to discuss the endorsement portion of the telecommunications certification program.

The committee members recognized that participation by the telecommunications members, as documented by a NARTE HQ staff study, was insignificant and had not seen any appreciable activity since 1995. The group discussed various approaches to recognition of special skills beyond the basic certificate. However, the major difficulty with the various approaches is that not enough participants exist. NARTE cannot recover the expense of test development and maintenance.

The Executive Committee unanimously passed a motion to revamp the endorsement program, placing it under immediate suspension.

No new applications are being accepted. Endorsements previously awarded will remain in effect.

NARTE Engineers and Technicians! Your Board of Directors values your feedback on this and other issues that are important to you. Contact your Board of Directors by email at narte@narte.org or by calling NARTE Headquarters at 1-800-89-NARTE (9-5 EDT).