

June 1, 2017

Employer:

I am writing in response to your request dated March 3, 2017, in which you request a deviation from Section 287.5(b) of the General Regulation 91-191 which states:

*An employer shall ensure that main service switches and temporary panel boards of electrical equipment*

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*(b) are kept clear of any obstructions for one metre in front and two metres headroom,*

In your request you provide the following information:

- You want to install a mobile crane to prevent injuries to your electricians when they have to change drives on the MCC. The crane model is LT482 Gantry Crane (1100-20 Muscle Mate);
- You provided photos of the crane and work area.
- You also indicate that the Muscle Mate is mobile with locking wheels and can be moved easily if an electrician requires access to the MCC panel.

First, my apologies for the delay in responded to your request. You should note that because the MCC is neither a main service switch nor a temporary panel board, the provisions of Section 287.5(b) of Regulation 91-191 does not apply. However, to guide you and others in these situations, WorkSafeNB has developed a legal interpretation that should address your concerns. A copy of the final draft is attached for your reference. This interpretation will translated and available on our website in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 738-4107 should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Chief Compliance Officer