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June 5, 2017

The Honorable Roy A. Cooper III
Governor, State of North Carolina
State Capitol
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-8001

Dear Governor Cooper:

Pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 87, Article 5, we are presenting to you herewith our annual report for the year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. This report contains a statement of revenue, a statement of expenses and a condensed summary of the activities of the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners for the stated period.

We would welcome any recommendations that you may wish to make relative to the activities, enforcement and administration of the law in the operation of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE BOARD OF REFRIGERATION EXAMINERS

Brad R. Cook
Secretary

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2016

Revenues

New license and exam fees	\$3,185
License renewal fees	\$68,520
License reinstatement fees	\$9,375
Interest and dividends	\$4,377
Miscellaneous income	\$131
Seminar income	\$11,775
CFC certification income	\$37,410
CFC manual income	\$2,249
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	-\$11,910
Realized gain on marketable securities	\$17,357
Loss on asset disposals	\$0
Penalty Income	<u>\$300</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$142,769

Expenditures

Salaries and contract labor	\$110,831
Social security contribution	\$8,246
Unemployment Taxes	\$8
Pension plan	\$10,780
Hospital and medical benefits	\$2,981
Per diem, board members	\$2,700
Travel, board members and staff	\$3,549
Office supplies and expenses	\$4,635
CFC supplies	\$547
Office rent	\$15,625
Utilities	\$4,647
Postage and box rent	\$6,652
Insurance	\$1,709
Examination expense	\$0
Audit, legal fees, and investigative	\$16,225
Dues	\$112
Depreciation	\$263
Board meeting expense	\$11,457
Equipment rental/maintenance	\$10,819
Up-Date Expense	\$13,231
Public Awareness	\$0
Scholarships	\$1,500
Newsletter	\$1,603
Penalties Remitted	\$300
Credit Card Fees	\$1,906
Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$117
Miscellaneous	<u>\$458</u>

Total Expenditures	\$230,901
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Excess of revenues over expenditures	-\$88,132
Less-investment income	<u>-\$9,824</u>
Income before adjustment for CFC income	-\$97,956
Less-CFC income	-\$39,659
Plus-CFC expenses	<u>\$1,547</u>
Loss from normal operations	-\$136,068

Due to the State of North Carolina	\$0
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**Condensed Summary of the Activities of the
STATE BOARD OF REFRIGERATION EXAMINERS
January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016**

Number of meetings held	3
Number of licenses renewed	1713
Number of licenses reinstated	125
Number of persons who applied for examination	79
Number who were refused examination, pending additional Information	0
Number who took examination	76
Number to whom initial licenses were issued	37
Number of licenses applied for reciprocity or comity	0
Number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity	0
Number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities	17
Number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief	8
Number of licenses terminated for any reasons other than failure to pay required annual renewal fee (retired/deceased)	15

Substance of any anticipated request by the Board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the Board: The Board requested a statutory change that will allow for a separate license for industrial refrigeration contracting work using ammonia as well as a separate license for repairs, maintenance and servicing only of commercial refrigeration was also requested. The Board also sought statutory authorization to raise its fee limits; the General Assembly adjourned without passing the bill.

Substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the Board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the Board: The Board did not propose any rule changes in 2016.

Examinations are given by appointment in the Board office in Garner.

The Board has a website (www.refrigerationboard.org) where a register of all licensed refrigeration contractors may be found as well as the General Statutes and Administrative Codes pertaining to refrigeration, licensing information, CFC information and testing sites and information on various educational opportunities offered throughout the State for commercial refrigeration contractors.

The Board publishes a newsletter, "Refrigeration Up-Date". The newsletter is mailed to licensees, wholesalers, refrigeration instructors, mechanical and electrical inspectors, city and county managers and commissioners.

During 2016, the Board sponsored an educational meeting, Refrigeration Up-Date 2016, which allowed all attendees the opportunity to learn about new products in the refrigeration industry. Registration for the meeting was offered to all licensees, wholesalers, technical school instructors and their students, mechanical and electrical inspectors and other industry related individuals.

The Board continues to take an active role in keeping informed on the Clean Air Act of 1990 as it relates to the commercial refrigeration industry and in disseminating this information to its licensees, wholesalers, inspectors and the interested public. A library of up-to-date information is available for use at the Board office. The Board has been approved as an EPA Technician Certification Testing Agency under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act.

The Board sponsors an annual refrigeration scholarship initiated to assist students interested in the HVAC/R industry. Scholarships totaling \$1,500 were awarded to two students in the community college system during 2016.

Work continues on revising the commercial refrigeration examination to consolidate needed reference materials in an effort to hold down costs for technicians desiring to take the examination and to insure the most up-to-date materials are used.

Copies of the General Statutes, the Board Rules and the newsletter are available free of charge from the office of the Board.

Maddison & Caison , LLP audited the books and records of the Board.

Members of the Board

Term Expires

George G. Ramsey	December 31, 2022
Timothy F. Welch	December 31, 2021
Brad R. Cook, Secretary	December 31, 2020
William D. Frye, Treasurer	December 31, 2019
E. Morton Blanchard, Chairman	December 31, 2018
Clarence L. Smith, Jr.	December 31, 2017